

first article of the Constitution of the United States and is an infringement of the privileges of this House and that such bill be respectfully returned with a message communicating this resolution.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3103. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2205. A communication from the Chairman and the Finance Committee Chairman, transmitting jointly, the revised budget request and supplemental appropriation request for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2206. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Selected Acquisition Reports for the period October 1 through December 31, 1995; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2207. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act for the period February 1, 1995 through January 31, 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2208. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on finance charges under the Truth in Lending Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2209. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2210. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2211. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2212. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2213. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget,

the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2214. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2215. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2216. A communication from the Commissioner of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a report of an overrun of projected cost for Ochoco Dam, Crooked River Project, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2217. A communication from the Chairman of the International Trade Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to provide authorization of appropriations for the United States International Trade Commission for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2218. A communication from the Chairman of the Physician Payment Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1743. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-252).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 2243. A bill to amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, to extend for three years the availability of moneys for the restoration of fish and wildlife in the Trinity River, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-253).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. NUNN) (by request):

S. 1672. A bill to make various changes to laws affecting the management and operations of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. 1673. A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for Fiscal Year 1997, to authorize certain construction at military installations for Fiscal Year 1997, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. PRESSLER, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1674. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the applicability

of the first-time farmer exception; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. FAIRCLOTH):

S. 1675. A bill to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. 1676. A bill to permit the current refunding of certain tax-exempt bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1677. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish the United States Citizenship Promotion Agency within the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAMS (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1678. A bill to abolish the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ROBB:

S. Res. 243. A resolution to designate the week of May 5, 1996, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FORD (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 244. A resolution to commend and congratulate the University of Kentucky on its men's basketball team winning its sixth National Collegiate Athletic Association championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DOLE):

S. Res. 245. A resolution making majority party appointments to the Labor and Human Resources Committee; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. NUNN) (by request):

S. 1672. A bill to make various changes to laws affecting the management and operations of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LEGISLATION

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, by request, for myself and the senior Senator from Georgia [Mr. NUNN], I introduce, for appropriate reference, a bill to make various changes to laws affecting the management and operations of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

I ask unanimous consent that a letter of transmittal requesting consideration of the legislation and a section-by-section analysis explaining its purpose be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows: